

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously presented): A chicken astrovirus type 2 (CAstV-2), characterised in that the virus is the CAstV deposited under accession no. I-2932 at the Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganisms (CNCM) of the Institute Pasteur, Paris, France or a CAstV-2 that is able to induce antiserum that neutralises the deposited virus.

Claims 2 – 3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended): ~~A vaccine for use in the protection of poultry against disease caused by avian astrovirus infection, characterised in that the vaccine comprises~~ An immunogenic composition comprising a CAstV-2 according to claim 1, together with a ~~pharmaceutical~~ pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
5. (Currently amended): The ~~vaccine~~ immunogenic composition according to claim 4, characterized in the CAstV-2 is in a live attenuated form.
6. (Currently amended): The ~~vaccine according to claims 4, characterized in that the vaccine further comprises~~ immunogenic composition of claim 4, further comprising one or more vaccine components of other pathogens infectious to poultry.

7. **(Currently amended):** The ~~vaccine~~ immunogenic composition according to claim 4, ~~wherein the vaccine comprises~~ further comprising an adjuvant.
8. (Previously presented): A method for the preparation of CAstV-2 antigen material, wherein a CAstV-2 according to claim 1 is propagated in a cell culture and subsequently harvested from the cell culture.
9. **(Currently amended):** A method for the preparation of ~~a vaccine according to claim 4,~~ an immunogenic composition, wherein a CAstV-2 according to claim 1 is mixed with a ~~pharmaceutical~~ pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or a diluent.
10. **(Currently amended):** A method for ~~the protection of~~ raising an immune response in poultry, against ~~disease caused by~~ avian astrovirus, ~~infection,~~ comprising administering ~~a vaccine~~ an immunogenic composition according to claim 4 to poultry.